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12.	Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh	289770
13.	Maharashtra	659900
14.	Manipur	89198
15.	Meghalaya	147918
16.	Mizoram	36897
17.	Nagaland	88881
18.	Orissa	684655
19.	Punjab	44370
20.	Rajasthan	110965
21.	Sikkim	12446
22.	Tamil Nadu	318095
23.	Tripura	192133
24.	Uttar Pradesh and Uttaranchal	1251095
25.	West Bengal	1084675
26.	A and N Islands	17948
27.	Chandigarh	454
28.	D and N Haveli	7857
29.	Daman and Diu	4483
30.	Delhi	9125
31.	Lakshadweep	165
32.	Pondicherry	6247
	TOTAL:	13721538

Disinvestment in NTC Mills

*234. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of NTC mills identified for disinvestment/sell off;

(b) the reasons for delay in disinvestment/sell off of such mills;

(c) whether Government are planning any VRS for the affected workers; and

(d) what will be the total pay off for this VRS?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) As per Rehabilitation Schemes sanctioned by BIFR, no NTC mill is identified for Disinvestment/sell off. However, 66 unviable mills are proposed for closure to improve the overall viability of the sick NTC Companies.

(c) and (d) VRS has been proposed for the affected employees in 66 unviable mills involving a cost of around Rs. 1,665 Cr.

Recruitments by IAF

*235. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that IAF has decided to go to professional institutions like NTs, RECs, Central Universities, etc., to recruit fresh graduates for its Force;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether IAF has revised HRD norms for this purpose; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Appointment of fresh graduates from professional institutions, including NTs, is part of the on-going recruitment process of the IAF. Awareness campaign, recruitment rallies, advertisements in media, information dissemination through internet and visit to educational institutions by IAF officers are undertaken by the IAF to attract graduates.

(c) and (d) Human Resource Development (HRD) norms have not been revised. Candidates from NTs are exempt from appearing in the Engineering Knowledge Test. However, they have to undergo the remaining testing procedure at Air Force Selection Boards and be medically fit.

Effect of Globalisation oh carpet trade

*236. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether globalisation has hit Indian carpet trade; and